

## SENATE BILL NO. 277

INTRODUCED BY D. SHEA

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE EXEMPTION FROM OBTAINING PERMITS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE HOMEOWNERS WHO INTEND TO INSTALL SANITARY PLUMBING AND POTABLE WATER SUPPLY PIPING THEMSELVES; CLARIFYING PLUMBING REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH A PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED; AND AMENDING SECTION 50-60-506, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 50-60-506, MCA, is amended to read:

**"50-60-506. Exceptions to permit requirement -- not applicable to single-family residence owner.**

(1) ~~No~~ A permit is not required for any minor replacement or repair work, the performance of which does not have a significant potential for creating a condition hazardous to public health and safety.

(2) (A) ~~No~~ A permit is not required where the installation is exempt under the provisions of 37-69-102 or 50-60-503, except that the installation of sanitary plumbing and potable water supply piping by the owner of a single-family residence requires a permit.

(B) A PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (2) FOR PLUMBING-RELATED REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR WORK THAT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

(i) REPLACEMENT OF FIXTURES, FAUCETS, NONPOTABLE WATER SUPPLIES, AND TRAPS;

(ii) KIND-FOR-KIND REPLACEMENT OF PLUMBING COMPONENTS; AND

(iii) REPLACEMENT OF WATER HEATERS.

(3) ~~No~~ A state permit is not required whenever the installation occurs in an area governed by a municipality and where there is in effect a municipal building code ~~which~~ that covers plumbing installations and ~~which~~ that provides inspection procedures.

~~(4) Nothing contained in this part shall prohibit the owner of residential property from making an installation for all sanitary plumbing and potable water supply piping without a permit providing he does the work himself.~~

~~(5)~~(4) The provisions of this part do not apply to regularly employed maintenance personnel doing maintenance work on the business premises of their employer unless work is subject to the permit

1 provisions of this part."

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